

COTTON IS KING.

Now Almost as Much as It Was in Other Days.

A HISTORY OF THE PRODUCTION

In This Country—The Past Seven Years It Was Unprecedented and Showed an Unbroken Increase—In the Past Eighteen Years It Has Brought Nearly Six Billion Dollars Into the South, But the System of Raising Only Cotton Left Little Surplus Money.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—The *Manufacturers' Record* of this week will publish a brief history of cotton production in this country, by Mr. R. H. Edmonds, the editor. Just 100 years ago the total crop of the south was but 20,000 bales, but by 1820 this had increased to nearly 400,000 bales. Under this rapid gain in production prices gradually declined from forty-four cents a pound in 1801 to thirteen and one-half cents in 1839.

With prices ranging from thirteen to forty-four cents, and averaging for forty years, from 1800 to 1839, a fraction over seventeen cents a pound, cotton cultivation was so profitable that we cannot wonder at the disposition of the people of the south to concentrate their efforts more and more on cotton cultivation to the exclusion of industrial interests. Beginning with 1840 there came a period of extremely low prices and the cotton states suffered very much from this decline. In that year the average New York price dropped to nine cents, a decline of four cents from the preceding year, and this was followed by a continuous decline until 1846, when the average was 5.63 cents, the lowest average price ever known to the cotton trade. Even in 1891-'92, when an enormous surplus of cotton following the depression that succeeded the Baring failure forced prices to what many claimed was the lowest point on record, the average at New York was 7.50 cents, or nearly two cents higher than in 1846. Moreover, in 1846 the seed was without value, while in 1891-'92 the sale of seed added almost a cent a pound to the value of the crop, and transportation was very much cheaper than in 1846. In 1847 the crop was short and prices advanced sharply, only to drop back to eight and then to seven and one-fourth cents, making the average for the decade, from 1840 to 1849, the lowest ever known in the cotton trade.

After giving in detail the statistics of production, consumption and prices for each year since 1840, the *Manufacturers' Record* says:

A study of the foregoing figures will show that seven years of successively increasing crops, as from 1885-'86 to 1891-'92, was unprecedented in the history of the trade. It is doubtful if any leading crop raised can show such an unbroken increase for seven years. Jumping from 5,700,000 bales in 1884-'85 to 6,500,000 bales in 1885-'86, there was practically no halting, as the variations in two years were too small to be noticeable, to 9,035,000 bales in 1891-'92, a gain of 3,300,000 bales, or nearly 60 per cent. advance in seven years. It ought not to have been expected that consumption could keep pace with such an increase. Fortunately there came a break, and we have now had two short crops. This will help to reduce the enormous stocks that have overweighted the market for several years. With surplus stocks worked off a fresh start can be made, and if next year's crop is moderately small the cotton trade of the world will then be on a sound basis for higher prices, because consumption will then have overtaken production.

In eighteen years cotton has brought into the south over \$5,700,000,000, a sum so vast that the profits out of it ought to have been enough to greatly enrich that whole section. Unfortunately, however, the system which the poverty following the war developed, of raising cotton only and buying provisions and grain in the west, left at home but little surplus money out of the cotton crop. The west and north drained that section of several hundred million dollars every year, because it depended upon them for all its manufactured goods, as well as for the bulk of its foodstuffs. Hence, of the enormous amount received for cotton, very little remained in the south. The increase in diversified farming, the raising of home supplies, the development of trucking and the building of factories are all uniting to keep at home the money which formerly went north and west. Whether the cotton-raiser himself is getting the full benefit of this or not, the south at large is necessarily doing so.

The figures given in the foregoing tables show that the lowest average yield per acre for the seventeen years under review was 1455 pounds in 1881, and the highest 2093 pounds in 1891. Had the yield per acre in 1891 been as low as in 1881 the crop would have been less than 6,700,000 bales, instead of 9,035,000 bales.

From 1840 to 1849 the average price in New York was eight cents per pound, a lower average for nine years than any single year since has shown except 1891-'92.

The importance of cotton in our foreign trade relations can be appreciated from the simple statement that since 1875 our exports of this staple have been valued at \$3,800,000,000, while the total exports of wheat and flour combined for the same period have been \$2,500,000,000, showing a difference of \$1,300,000,000, or over fifty per cent, in favor of cotton. Moreover, during the same period we have exported about \$200,000,000 of manufactured cotton goods, making the full value really \$4,000,000,000. Compared with the exports of wheat, flour and corn combined, the value of which since 1875 has been \$3,100,000,000, there is a difference in favor of cotton of \$900,000,000. Going back to 1820 it is found that the total value of flour and wheat exported for the last seventy-four years is \$3,913,000,000, or \$100,000,000 less than the value of the cotton exported during the last eighteen years.

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Costly Fire at St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25.—Fire which started at 12:30 this morning in the elevator shaft of the four-story brick building corner Main and Walnut streets, occupied by the Theodor-Goldman hide and commission company, completely destroyed the building and contents. The loss will reach \$125,000; insurance unobtainable at present.

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LOADING IT DOWN.

Another Chance for Kicking Democrats to Defeat the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A large number of Democrats in the house believe that the adoption of the income tax as a part of the tariff bill will result in the defeat of the entire measure. That it will be offered as an amendment there can be no doubt, providing recognition is received from Chairman Richardson. Some of the income tax men fear that recognition may not be secured, but it is pointed out that both Chairman Richardson and Speaker Crisp favor the income tax, and would recognize Mr. McMillin for the purpose of offering the bill as an amendment. There seems little doubt that the income tax will be made a part of the bill in committee of the whole, as the Republicans will no doubt be glad to see it so added. They believe it would result in the adoption of a motion to reconsider the bill.

In the house today the Democratic opponents of the income tax declined to answer to their names, and attempted to break a quorum, which proved unsuccessful. A roll call developed the presence of 202 members. Before consideration of the tariff bill was resumed, Mr. Hopkins, Rep., of Illinois, asked that an hour be set aside for consideration of the lead schedule. Mr. Cockran objected, and the house went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Wilson tried to make an agreement on the clause relating to the free entry of cotton machinery. Mr. Cockran objected and Mr. Wilson moved that the debate be closed. Mr. Cockran continued filibustering, but could only rally to his support ten New York members, not sufficient to secure tellers, and Mr. Wilson's motion carried.

A CRISIS IN EGYPT.

The Khedive Shows a Disposition to Snub the English.

CAIRO, Jan. 25.—There are indications of trouble between Lord Cromer, British minister, and the khedive. It grows out of criticisms and uncomplimentary remarks made by the khedive concerning certain regiments of the Egyptian army which are commanded by British officers. The English are particularly proud of these regiments on account of their superior training and discipline. Mahr Pasha is virtually the native minister of war, and incited by the khedive, as is supposed, has been making things unpleasant for the British officers. Lord Cromer has demanded his removal.

The English population believe that the khedive is plotting to bring on a crisis, and that he is coached by French emissaries, who want to test the grip which England has on Egypt. They think the young pasha would not dare to raise an issue with the English minister unless he had the power of France behind him.

THE NEW EXPLOSIVE.

More Powerful and Yet Less Dangerous Than any Other Yet Invented.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A Paris dispatch to the *Times* says that Abbe Schnebel, in the presence of experts, officers and diplomats, gave an exhibition of his experiments at Argenteuil yesterday with his newly invented explosive, schnebelite. He manufactured the powder in the presence of his guests, keeping the composition of one ingredient a secret. He proved his ability to manufacture on a basis of chlorate of potash an explosive capable of perforating at one hundred yards thirty-four steel plates of eight millimetres each, and shattering blocks of stone into smaller quantities than is possible with any other explosive. He demonstrated, moreover, that his explosive is unignitable by friction or concussion; almost smokeless, imperishable and cheap.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR EGYPT.

England to Send More Troops to That Country Immediately.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A sensation was caused in London this afternoon when it became known that the British government had determined to act energetically in Egypt and to send reinforcements of troops to that country immediately. At Aldershot camp, detachment of military mounted police and some of the best cavalry in the British army, together with one or more infantry regiments, received orders during the day to make all the necessary preparations to proceed immediately to Egypt. It is understood that the government is preparing to secure additional troop ships from among the large ocean steamers as a number of the regular troop ships are either in service or disabled.

OLNEY WILL RESIGN.

And It Will Cause Other Cabinet Changes, With Josiah Quincy as Postmaster General.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25.—An intimate friend of Attorney General Olney to-day stated that the rumored resignation of the attorney general will become a fact very soon. He intimates that the present trip of Hon. Josiah Quincy to Washington was at the request of the President and that Mr. Quincy will either accept the postmaster generalship, which will be vacated by Bissell's promotion to Olney's position, or else urge Hon. J. E. Russell to accept.

LATEST ACQUISITION.

To the Associated Press—The Washington Star Joins the Procession.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The *Washington Evening Star*, recognised as one of the most successful and influential afternoon papers in the United States, has joined the Associated Press and at the same time has given notice of the severance of its relations with the United Press.

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THE IRON TRADE.

Some Indications of Improvement—Buyers Taking Larger Quantities.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 25.—The *Iron Trade Review* this week says: By putting a stress on the tonnage of orders, week by week, and taking no account of the still unemployed productive capacity that is causing a steady sagging of prices, the iron trade is able to report a betterment. There is scant satisfaction, however, in filling up stray mills at prices that are going, except in the hope that activity will grow, in the very effort to keep wheels turning. It is certain that there have been larger sales of pig iron in the past week than in either of the two preceding, and that the inquiries reported from eastern and southern markets indicate that buyers are more willing than heretofore to take larger lots.

Hold Robbery.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*.

STEVENSVILLE, O., Jan. 25.—This evening at 7:30, three tramps rushed into Stark & Leech's store on Market street while the clerks were in the rear of the store and grabbed a case of rings from the show case and ran. Mr. Stark and a clerk gave chase and caught one, who saved them a hard tussle before the police arrived. The man with the case escaped. On his person was a pawn ticket for a pistol given by J. W. Keller, of Newark, to James Clark.

Kanawha Miners.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 25.—The resolution committee appointed by the miners of the Kanawha valley adopted resolutions condemning in toto the operators of the state and the Chesapeake & Ohio Company for assisting in reducing wages. They urge miners to join the United Mine Workers and resolved not to accept any further reduction.

Postoffice Changed.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The postoffice at Wesley, Wood county, has been changed to Harris Ferry and removed one mile west, and John C. Harris, Jr., appointed postmaster.

New Postmaster.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—J. M. Roder has been appointed postmaster at Marshall, Jackson county, vice E. A. Marshall, removed.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, Ohio, had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Logan Drug Co.

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